

REMARKS

The present application is hereby amended to render the specification and abstract more consistent with the allowed claims. In particular, the title has been amended to read: "METHODS FOR COLLECTING AND PROCESSING BLOOD." This reflects the fact that all of the apparatus claims have been canceled, leaving only method claims. Similarly, the summary section of the specification and the abstract have been amended to more closely refer to the subject matter of the allowed claims. These amendments do not constitute new matter, but merely serve to make the various sections of the application more conforming with the allowed claims.

In addition, Applicant hereby amends the specification at paragraphs [00016] and [00032] to refer to Fenwal, rather than Baxter, as the source of various blood processing systems, as that business was acquired by Fenwal after the specification was originally filed. These amendments also do not constitute new matter, but merely reflect the fact that the referenced systems are now provided by Fenwal, Inc.

Accordingly, entry of the present amendment is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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